

Gentle Strength: Having the Heart of Jesus for a Polarized World: Lesson 2

April 25th and 26th

Read Mark 3: 1-6

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like you were being “watched?” As if someone was hoping to catch you in something you would say or do.
2. Why do you think some of the teachers of the law were there to “accuse Jesus?” See Mark 2: 1-7.
3. Describe a time when you were in a situation in which you have been or felt accused by another person. How did you respond?
4. How does Jesus respond to being “watched” in this passage?
5. Why does Jesus tell the man with the shriveled hand to “stand up in front of everyone?” (Verse 3)
6. Isaiah 58: 6-14 is a description of how God desires His people to participate and observe the Sabbath. Based off Isaiah 58, was it right for Jesus to heal this man’s hand?
7. What is the condition of the hearts of the Pharisees and what actions does this lead them to pursue?

8. What is the danger of allowing your heart to become stubborn?

9. How does Jesus demonstrate both anger and compassion in this passage?

10. Describe a time when you experienced both anger and compassion simultaneously?

11. Who benefits from Jesus in this account; the man with the withered hand or the Pharisees? Why?

12. What sorts of responses do people today have toward Jesus? How do you deal with the negative ones?

13. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' view of people?

14. What are ways you can seek to grow in being, "***Tough but tender?***"

15. How does knowing that Jesus' heart is for our restoration help us be kind, compassionate, and gracious with others?